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Como Conservatory and Zoo ready for Holidays

Visit the gift shops!

The gift shops of Como Zoo and the Marjorie McNeely Conservatory are hosting their annual Holiday Shopping Event on Wednesday and Thursday, November 19th and 20th, from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m.

Enjoy stress-free shopping away from the crowded malls in the fun, yet relaxed atmosphere of Como Park. The Conservatory Gift Shop presents gifts for anyone with a green thumb or those who appreciate the beauty of nature.

The Como Zoo Gift Shop carries something for the animal lover in all of us. Enjoy complimentary refreshments and gift wrapping. While satisfying your own gift-giving needs you will also be supporting the attractions of Como Park that hold a special place in your heart. So your gift gives twice!

Admission and parking are free.

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See the flower show!

The 2003 Holiday Flower Show at the Marjorie McNeely Conservatory in Como Park will be resplendent with red, white, and blue with pink accents. You can see the show from Friday, December 5th, and through Sunday, January 18th.



A squadron of poinsettias stands ready for the Holiday Flower Show

Poinsettia cultivars include 'Chianti Red,' 'Red Giant,' 'Red Splendor,' 'Red Velvet,' 'Diamond Red,' 'Max Red,' and 'Sonora Dark Red.' These rich red cultivars will be accented by unique novelty cultivars such as 'Lemon Snow' — a pale cream, 'Carousel Pink,' — pink with a unique twisted form, and 'Sonora White Glitter' — red with white speckles and blue Ornamental Sage.

More than 1000 poinsettia cuttings — grown in the City's very own Conservatory in-house production facilities

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Please print this for your co-workers. The City is continuing to save money by not producing printed copies of the City Update, but still needs to communicate to all employees. Please help by printing this newsletter (preferably back-to-back) for workers in your area who do not have computer access. Thank you.

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2003 Toy and Gift Drive

You can play Santa this year by giving to the Credit Union's Toy and Gift Drive, Nov. 28th through Dec. 12th. We will collect new toys and gifts at all of our offices, and donations will be distributed throughout the community. Remember, people of all ages are in need of gifts this holiday season. For each gift donated, CCCU will donate \$1 to the Salvation Army for additional presents.

Thank you for helping CCCU continue the tradition of people helping people. Contact us at 651-225-2700 with any questions, or visit us online at www.cccu.com.

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make this show possible. The cuttings are started in mid-June, and are large blooming plants by the end of November.

The Conservatory is open every day. Winter hours are 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Regular admission is \$1 for ages 13-64, and 50 cents for seniors and youth. Children five and under are free. For 24-hour recorded information, call 651-487-8200.

City/County needs trumpet

The City and County band needs a trumpet player or my lips will fall off. The position is for either 1st or 2nd trumpet part in this growing group of about 15 of your co-workers. A clarinet player could help with the



2nd part if necessary. Other instrumentalists are welcome to join the fun.

If you would like further information, contact Mary Livingston of Parks and Recreation by e-mail at mary.livingston@ci.stpaul.mn.us, by phone at 651-266-6366.

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To further support your favorite Como Park attractions, you can sign up to become a member of the Como Zoo and Conservatory Society. Members of the society enjoy many benefits, including a year-around 15% discount in the Conservatory and Zoo Gift Shops.

Sign up today or during the Holiday Shopping Event to receive a special 20% event discount. For a unique gift that stands out from all the rest, consider giving a gift membership to the Como Zoo and Conservatory Society.

For more information about the Holiday Shopping Event, please call the Conservatory Gift Shop at 651-487-8260, or the Zoo Gift Shop at 651-487-8223.

The Season of Giving!

The next joint City/County Blood Drive will be held on Wednesday, December 17th, from 8:30 a.m. until 2:15 p.m. in Rooms 40-42 of the City Hall and Courthouse.

You may read and heard about the blood supply shortage. Perhaps the next blood drive is the time for YOU to make the decision to give a significant gift by donating blood.

Yes, it takes a little of your time. There are lots of questions to answer. And yes, there may be a moment of discomfort. But your donation can literally make the difference between life and death for someone else. It's a very easy way to volunteer!

If you have health questions about donating, please call and speak to a Red Cross nurse at 651-291-3885.

To make an appointment to donate, please contact Linda Crosby at linda.crosby@ci.stpaul.mn.us, or call her at 651-266-6530. Give her your name, the appointment time you prefer (She will try to schedule you within 15 minutes of the time you request), your work address, and phone number.

Many thanks to all of you, and special gratitude to those who faithfully donate each time our blood drive rolls around. We need about 50 more just like you!

City job openings as of November 14th, 2003

Application deadline	Job title	Bi-weekly or hourly salary rate	Exam date
Open	Aquatics Facility Supervisor (Year-Round)	\$11.71 per hr	See Job Ann
Open	Assistant Aquatics Facility Supervisor (Year-Round)	\$10.08 per hr	See Job Ann
Open	Director of Education Initiative	\$55,000-\$70,000 yearly	See Job Ann
Open	ECC Telecommunicator	\$1,459.78 bi-weekly	See Job Ann
12/01/03	Fire Captain (prom)	\$48,141.19 yearly	See Job Ann
Open	Life Guard (Year-Round)	\$8.45 per hr	See Job Ann
11/20/03	Secretary (prom)	\$1,354.17 bi-weekly	See Job Ann
Open	Water Safety Instructor (Year-Round)	\$8.98 per hr	See Job Ann
11/19/03	Water Service Worker-Control Desk (prom)	\$20.92 per hr	See Job Ann

Note: Call or visit the Office of Human Resources to receive the official job announcement for these positions. Location: 400 City Hall Annex. Phone: 651-266-6500 or visit the web site: www.ci.stpaul.mn.us/jobopenings. For jobs announced after November 12th, please call our 24-hour job line, 651-266-6502.

On January 16th, 2003, Mayor Randy Kelly announced a hiring freeze for the City of Saint Paul until further notice. This applies to all positions within the City, but excludes the Saint Paul-Ramsey County Department of Public Health and RiverCentre.

Certain positions may be determined exempt for the hiring freeze; please continue to check our web site and job line to see if there are any new postings in which you might be interested.